

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, September 8th, Town Council Committee of the Whole, Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Wednesday, September 9th, RTM, 7:30 p.m., Groton Senior Center (including a presentation on the School Facilities Initiative for the RTM, Town Council, and Board of Education)
- Thursday, September 10th, School Facilities Initiative Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Please be advised that all Groton Town offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 7th. Please enjoy the upcoming holiday with your family and friends.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND PATROLS

Groton Police will begin conducting an aggressive drunken driving enforcement program that will continue through Labor Day under the State of Connecticut's "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign. In addition to DUI enforcement, officers will also be stepping up enforcement in speeding, seatbelt violations, distracted driving and other motor vehicle laws. The goal of the Impaired Driving Program is to substantially reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes.

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is notification of the Jack Kelly PGA Junior Tournament of Champions to be held on Sunday, September 6th at Shennecossett Golf Course. For more information please visit http://www.ctpga.com/juniorgolf/page_9/.
2. Attachment 2 is an invitation from the Groton Parks and Recreation Department to attend the Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new

Spicer Park Dock on September 12th at 10:00 a.m. Please see the attachment for more information.

3. Attachment 3 is an invitation from The Board of Trustees of The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Trust Fund to attend the 34th Annual Scholarship Dinner at the Mystic Marriott Hotel on October 15th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$55.00 each. Please RSVP by October 1st.
4. Attachment 4 is a thank you letter from Gloria Sharpe to the Public Works Department for a job well done in making the corner of Route 215 and Mosher Avenue wheelchair accessible.
5. Attachment 5 is a thank you letter from Adele McGuire to the Public Works Department for a job well done on paving Williams Street.
6. Attachment 6 is an invitation from Frank Facchini of Southeastern Connecticut Television to attend their First Anniversary Celebration and Grand Opening on September 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at their studio in the Groton Shopping Plaza on Long Hill Road. Please RSVP by September 15th.

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. Office of Planning and Development (July)

- Staff began working on applications for the regional Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program for a number of road and intersection improvements.
- The department welcomed Paige Bronk as the new Economic and Community Development Manager.
- The second Market Analysis and Zoning Audit Focus Group meeting took place on July 20th in which the consultants presented initial findings.
- Staff coordinated a special Commuter Rail meeting with Senator Blumenthal and local officials on July 2nd. The focus of the discussion was expansion of commuter rail in the region and cross honoring tickets among cities and towns.
- There were 65 building permits, 39 electrical permits, 18 plumbing permits and 22 mechanical permits issued.
- There were 24 sign violations issued.

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Jack Kelly Tournament of Champions

The Season-ending PGA Junior Golf TOUR Championship - Sunday, September 6, 2015

In order to help the Connecticut Section PGA conduct its Junior golf programs, in 2005, The Jack Kelly Junior Golf Classic made the largest financial contribution that the Connecticut Section PGA Golf Foundation has ever received. Jack Kelly was a PGA Professional at Raceway Golf Club who passed away in 1994 at the age of 34.

The Raceway Golf Club began and conducted this tournament for 11 years. It was one of the founding tournaments of the PGA Junior Golf TOUR. To show its appreciation, the Connecticut Section PGA Golf Foundation pays tribute to both the ideals formulated by the late Jack Kelly and the efforts made by the committee members and event sponsors that resulted in an extremely successful junior golf tournament.

The 2015 Jack Kelly PGA Junior Tournament of Champions will be played Sunday, September 6, at Shennecossett Golf Course in Groton, CT, and is 18-holes at Stroke Play; Boys & Girls Division; playoffs for champions if necessary. This is a special invitational event made possible through the Connecticut Section PGA Junior Golf Association. Now in its 21st year, the 2015 Junior Tournament of Champions invites the Connecticut Section's best young golfers to compete in a season-concluding event, designed to be one of the premier "major" junior tournaments within the region. Also invited at the top 3 boys and girls from the 10-12 year-old division PGA Junior Golf TOUR points leaders.

For more information please visit http://www.ctpga.com/juniorgolf/page_9/

DEDICATION AND RIBBON CUTTING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

10:00 AM

SPICER PARK, NOANK

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 10:00 AM

ROWING AND PADDLING ON YOUR OWN

9:00 – 9:45 AM

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

PHIL BUTTA, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER

REMARKS

JUDGE NICHOLAS KEPPLER

SANDRA DOMBRO, PRESIDENT OF NOANK ROWING CLUB

PROCLAMATION

MAYOR RITA SCHMIDT

RIBBON CUTTING

REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIALIZING

*The Board of Trustees
of
The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Scholarship Trust Fund*

*cordially invites you to the
34th Annual Scholarship Dinner*

Thursday, October 15, 2015

*at the
Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa
Groton, Connecticut*

*Social Hour - 6 p.m.
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.*

Tickets - \$55

*Please reserve _____ places at the annual dinner of
The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Trust Fund
for*

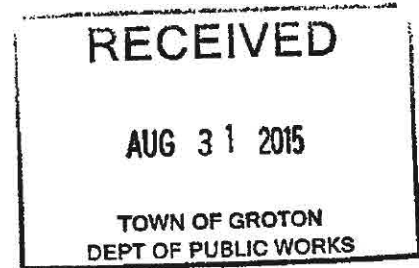
*Enclosed you will find a check
in the amount of \$_____ (\$55/person)*

*I regret that I can not attend. Please accept my donation
in the amount of \$_____*

*Please make checks payable to:
The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Trust Fund*

RSVP by October 1, 2015

Ms. Gloria Sharpe
205 Elm St. Apt. #167
Groton, CT 06340-5553



Mr. Gary Schneider
Director, Highway Dept.
Town Hall Annex
Groton Long Point Road
Groton, CT 06340

August 26, 2015

Dear Mr. Schneider,

Thank you and your department for following through on making it possible to access the sidewalk on the corner of Route 215 and Mosher Avenue (or better known as the walkway into the village of Noank). I look forward to the day that I can plan to leave the Congregate in my wheelchair and travel up to the

cemetery, cross 215, and get on to the sidewalk without traveling on the road to somebody's driveway to get to the village. There are many who will benefit from this improvement. We all say

THANK YOU

Sincerely,



NOTES

AUG 31 2015

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TOWN OF GROTON
DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Dear Mr. Schneider -

I am Adele McGuire
and live on Williams Street
in Nook - We are very grateful
for a road job well done and
with amazing efficiency - The
workers were very accomodating
and our neighborhood looks
wonderful - Kudos to all - We
did hear one of the workers was
the gentleman who was killed by
a falling tree - Our sympathy to

all, but again, thank you for
facilitating a project well done —

Sincerely
Adele McGuire

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, September 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SEC-TV's First Anniversary Celebration and the Grand Opening of our Art Gallery at the SEC-TV Studios in the Groton Shopping Plaza on Long Hill Road in Groton.

Works on display from local artists including Betsy Broughton Shafer, Eva Leong, Zimra Sawyer, Janice Silvers, Garnet Wrigley, Trenton Foster Youngs, and more!

Please join us as we celebrate our first year. There will be live entertainment and light refreshments. Please RSVP by September 15th.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 17th.

Frank Facchini
Executive Director
Southeastern Connecticut Television, Inc.
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Groton, CT 06340
860-449-1477
www.sec-tv.org

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

July 2015

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Planning and Public Works staff, along with the Town Manager, began working on applications for the regional Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) for a number of road and intersection improvements.

Pre-application meetings were held regarding the re-use of the Tee's Plus building and with the developer of an indoor beach volleyball facility. Both properties are located on Route 184.

There have been a number of inquiries about the re-use of the Poquonnock Bridge Volunteer Fire Station at 13 Fort Hill Road. Ideas include a dance studio, a cabinet maker workshop/showroom, a landscape business, and a restaurant with outdoor seating.



Senator Blumenthal Commuter Rail meeting

Staff coordinated a special meeting for local elected officials with Senator Blumenthal on July 2nd. The discussion focused around cross-honoring tickets, which is a major issue for many commuters from New London to New Haven as well as expansion of commuter rail in the region. Staff presented information showing the demand for a commuter rail stop in Groton, showing that there are over 6,000 commuters into Groton who live near train stations and 3,700 Groton residents that commute to locations that have train stations. The reuse of the Mystic train depot was discussed, including how to provide visitor information now that the Mystic Chamber no longer manages the visitor information center there.

ICSC Idea Exchange

Staff traveled to Boston to attend a regional retail trade show on July 17th and met with a realtor who has a client interested in locating a hotel in Groton.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



The department welcomed Paige Bronk as the new Economic and Community Development Manager. He was the Planning Director for the City of Newport Rhode Island for over a decade, the Economic Development Manager in North Kingstown Rhode Island and most recently the Director of Development at Rhode Island Housing.

Thames River Heritage Park

Staff continued to work with a small subcommittee to set up a Transition Team for the Heritage Park. Meetings were held weekly to discuss transition team membership, to establish the tasks that the team will need to complete in order to establish the new non-profit, and to set up a kickoff meeting. That meeting was held on July 29th and was covered in The Day newspaper. Staff will continue to work as a member of the transition team, assisting with the Finance Committee and Organization Committee.

Market Analysis and Zoning Audit

The second Focus Group meeting took place on July 20th and the consultants presented initial findings from the land use regulatory interviews as well as some more focused market related information.

Mystic Education Center

Staff accompanied the VHB and Camoin Associates and DECD representatives on a tour of the Mystic Education Center facility. The next steps are for the consultants to conduct a zoning analysis and market study to determine what uses might work for the site and to determine what the market demand is for the facility.

COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

Planning Commission

Approved additions to the Doncasters Manufacturing facility and parking lot on Poquonnock Road to expand manufacturing operations and to accommodate additional employees. Improvements to the Groton Utilities water filtration plant were also approved. This project is expected to be under construction for three years and will utilize the latest technology to treat the drinking water. GU will construct a sidewalk along Route 1 as part of the project.

| Land Use Applications | This Month | Calendar Year to Date |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Site Plans | 0 | 7 |
| Subdivisions | 1 | 6 |
| Inland Wetland Permits | 0 | 6 |
| Special Permits | 0 | 2 |
| Regulation/Map Amendments | 0 | 1 |
| Variances/Appeals | 1 | 12 |
| Cert. of Appr. of Location | 1 | 1 |
| Coastal Site Plans | 0 | 6 |
| Administrative Site Plans | 2 | 13 |
| Land Use Applications Submitted | 5 | 54 |

INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ Total building fees collected for FYE 2016 less reimbursements: \$20,608
- ◇ The division has processed 25 building and electrical permits relative to the installation of roof mount photovoltaic solar panels. Inspector John LaBossiere, a Connecticut licensed master electrician, has been working with a number of different solar energy contractors and Eversource to inspect and approve the arrays.
- ◇ This month a certificate of occupancy was issued to the new Pet Valu Store located at 220 Route 12 while building permits were issued for a fitness club at 441 Long Hill Road, renovations to the TVCCA facility at 36-40 Central Avenue, and to replace antennas and radio heads on the cell tower at 725 Flanders Road.

| ITEM | RECEIVED IN JULY | CALENDAR 2015 TOTAL |
|--|------------------|---------------------|
| BUILDING PERMITS | 65 | 319 |
| ELECTRICAL PERMITS | 39 | 194 |
| PLUMBING PERMITS | 18 | 96 |
| MECHANICAL PERMITS | 22 | 165 |
| SPRINKLER PERMIT | 0 | 4 |
| MOBILE HOME PERMITS | 0 | 4 |
| ESTIMATED VALUE | 1,996,286 | |
| RESIDENTIAL PERMITS ISSUED—NEW | 1 | 11 |
| ESTIMATED VALUE | 115,500 | 1,432,400 |
| RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS | 50 | 225 |
| NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS | 0 | 2 |
| COMMERCIAL ADDITIONS | 6 | 34 |
| SIGNS | 2 | 5 |
| POOL PERMITS | 1 | 6 |
| SHED PERMITS | 5 | 22 |
| SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX UNITS APPROVED | 5 | 10 |
| TOTAL FEES COLLECTED (less reimbursements) | 20,608 | |
| CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED | 12 | 55 |
| UNITS CONNECTED TO TOWN SEWER | 6 | 20 |
| HDC CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS | 3 | 21 |
| CODE ENFORCEMENT | | |
| SIGN VIOLATIONS | 24 | 162 |
| VEHICLES/WASTE | 1 | 10 |
| OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS | 0 | 8 |
| PENDING LITIGATION | 0 | 0 |
| CASES RESOLVED | 1 | 7 |